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SUBJECT: WEEKLY SAUDI EDITORIAL REVIEW (JAN. 5 THRU 11)

1. SUMMARY: ITEMS TREATED BY SAUDI PRESS COVERED THE FOLLOWING
SUBJECTS: AMERICAN-SAUDI RELATIONS AND INCREASING TAXES ON
U.S. CITIZENS ABROAD; PLO AND ME PEACE SETTLEMENT; PRINCE
FAHD'S COMING VISIT TO U.S.

2. AMERICAN-SAUDI RELATIONS AND INCREASING TAXES ON U.S. CITIZENS
06 JAN. MEDINA DAILY, EDITORIAL MAINTAINS THAT SAUDI-
AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE SPECIAL TYPE, ONE SIDE HAVING OIL,
THE OTHER TECHNOLOGY; THEREFORE MUTUAL INTERESTS ESSENTIAL
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AND NATURAL. PRINCE FAHD'S LAST VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAID
DOWN BASIS FOR FURTHERING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES. ATTEMPTS TO HARM THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH
COOPERATION WOULD MEAN HARMING THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF
BOTH COUNTRIES. ZIONIST-BACKED ATTEMPTS TRIED TO CON-
VINCE THE AMERICANS THAT: (A) SAUDI DENIAL OF ENTRANCE
VISAS IS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, MOREOVER, SAUDI ARABIA

PRACTICES RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS. (B) ZIONIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT INCREASED, THE BOYCOTT IS VIEWED AS ARAB DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AMERICAN JEWS. (C) CAMPAIGN INTENSIFIED AGAINST ALL FORMS OF SAUDI-AMERICAN COOPERATION SPECIALLY ARMS SALES TO ARAB S IN GENERAL AND SAUDIS IN PARTICULAR.

EDITORIAL CONTINUED SAYING THAT ZIONIST CAMPAIGNS ENCOMPASS OTHER MATTERS, THE WORST OF WHICH ARE THE NEW LAWS INCREASING U.S. TAXES ON AMERICANS WORKING ABROAD. IF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGISTS ARE THUS FORCED TO LEAVE, SAUDI ARABIA WILL BE ABLE TO FIND SUBSTITUTES FOR THEM IN EUROPE, JAPAN, EAST ASIA AND ADVANCED ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. "THIS ACT, WITHIN CONTEXT OF THE SIMPLEST NORMS OF POLITICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, DESTROYS THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES ON WHICH U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONS HAVE BEEN BASED FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY".

EYAD MEDANI, IN 7 JAN., UKAZ DAILY, SAYS THAT DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN ARABS WERE TOLD CARTER'S THREATS TO WAGE AN ECONOMIC WAR IF AN OIL EMBARGO WAS IMPOSED, AND HIS COMPLETE SUPPORT OF ISRAEL, WERE JUST TO WIN JEWISH VOTES. BUT CARTER IS A RELIGIOUS MAN, THEREFORE LESS OF A FIBBER THAN OTHER POLITICIANS. FURTHER, ARABS MUST ASSUME THAT ZIONIST GROUPS, WHICH INFLUENCE THE MEDIA AND CONGRESS, CAN'T BE FOOLED BY PASSIONATE EXPRESSIONS OF A PASSING SPEECH INTO USING THEIR INFLUENCE TO HELP A CANDIDATE GET TO THE THE WHITE HOUSE. THESE GROUPS MUST BE SURE THAT THE CANDIDATE SUPPORTS THEIR CAUSE. THEREFORE, ARABS "CANNOT BUT BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL DO WHAT CANDIDATE CARTER SAID HE WOULD". ON THIS BELIEF UNCLASSIFIED

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FUTURE ARAB STRATEGY SHOULD BE BASED. THIS STRATEGY RESTS MAINLY ON TWO FACTS, FIRST, ARABS CANNOT COMPETE WITH ZIONIST PRESSURE WITHIN THE U.S., SECOND, PRESSURE SHOULD COME FROM WITHOUT, REPRESENTED BY ECONOMIC POTENTIALITIES AS A VAST MARKET FOR AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTION. AMERICAN DOMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY IS NOT TOTAL, AND SUBSTITUTES FOR AMERICAN EXPERTISE AND PRODUCTION COULD BE FOUND IN EUROPE AND THE THIRD WORLD.

3. PLO AND ME PEACE SETTLEMENT:

ABDEL BARY ATWAN, IN JAN. 9, MEDINA DAILY, SAYS THAT PALESTINIANS WHO DEPENDED ON RUSSIA HAVE NO PLACE IN THE ARAB ARENA, ESPECIALLY SINCE SOVIETS AGREED TO AMERICAN VIEW OF HOLDING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. THE SOVIETS STOOD BY IN THE LEBANESE WAR WHILE THE PALESTINIANS WERE FACING AMERICAN AND ZIONIST TANKS AND WEAPONS. THEREFORE, THE PLO IS TAKING THE SHORTEST ROAD AND SHOWING MODERATION TO AVOID AMERICAN AND RUSSION WRATH.

4. PRINCE FAHD'S COMING VISIT TO U.S.:

JASER EL-JASER IN JAN. 7, YAMANA WEEKLY, SAYS THAT ARABS ALL AGREE THAT PRINCE FAHD WILL PRESENT THE ARAB VIEW TO CARTER DURING HIS NEXT VISIT TO THE U.S. PERHAPS CARTER, BECAUSE OF HIS RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND MORALITY, IS THE FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO BE ACCEPTED SYMPATHETICALLY BY THE ORDINARY ARAB EVEN BEFORE THE OFFICIAL ARAB.
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